

POLICE CENSUS MAY BE TAKEN

Common Council Called in Extra Session to Consider the Matter.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTS.

Calls Attention of the City Fathers to the Injury the Government Figures May Cause Unless Proven Incorrect.

Mr. F. C. Ebel, president of the Common Council, yesterday issued a call for a meeting of that body to be held Monday evening at 7 o'clock to consider the expediency of having a police census taken. The special session is called at the request of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, which institute is profoundly interested in the census matter.

The population given the city by the recent United States census, is so unsatisfactory, that the Chamber of Commerce deems it important to the city's welfare to have another census taken in order that errors and omissions, if any were made by the Government, may be corrected. It is the general belief that there are more people in Richmond than the census just completed shows to be here and it is to prove this that the Chamber asks the Council to order a census to be taken by the police of the city, as was done ten years ago.

THE PETITION.

The petition of the Chamber is as follows: To the Honorable, the Council of the City of Richmond:

In the name of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and in the interest of the community, we most earnestly request that your honorable body will adopt measures to have a public census taken at once, as suggested by the Chief of Police, since it appears to be evident that serious injustice will be done to the reputation of Richmond as a growing city, by the report of the enumeration of its population which came from Washington, D. C., on the 4th instant.

Practically all indications point to a marked increase in our population, notwithstanding the growth of a number of suburban villages; for there were never so many houses within the present city limits; never so many industries and such general employment; never so large a population, and never so many names in the city directory.

THE SCHOOL CENSUS.

The only indication which would seem to point to an opposite view as to our population is the school census, which shows for the present year 37 children less than in 1890, the figures being for these years respectively—24,367 and 24,574. But this is proven to be an unreliable basis of calculation, on the fact that the present census enumeration, as low as it is, gives us credit for an increase since the last census of 3,662 inhabitants, while the school census, as stated above, shows a decrease. This lack of co-relation between the school census and the census of general population may be in part accounted for by two facts:

SOME FACTS.

First. That when our industries are all actively at work, they attract to the city a number of adult operatives who are without children; and

Second. That the extension of our street-car lines to suburban districts has induced many former residents of Richmond with children in their families to move to suburban homes, while it has not to the same extent produced an exodus of citizens without children in other words from the effect of the two causes mentioned, a reduction or non-increase of school population is not inconsistent with a material increase of the general population.

But these are all merely indications, and we respectfully submit that now the only way in which we can have any correct enumeration, if such exist, corrected by the census authorities is to produce absolute proof of their existence, and this can only be done, as has been suggested, by a police census.

TAKEN BEFORE.

Under similar circumstances a police census was taken in 1890, and so convincing was the evidence produced that the office of the enumerators was kept open and a number of omissions were reported, which materially added to the figures representing Richmond's population.

The Chamber at that time was confident that it could have secured a recount by the census authorities, but, as the work was completed in July, when many people were absent from the city and their homes closed, it was not then deemed expedient to ask for it.

It is entirely unnecessary to cite to your honorable body the many important reasons why Richmond should be credited with its full number of inhabitants, and, feeling assured of the deep interest felt in this matter, with confidence, earnestly request that the necessary appropriation be made for the most perfect and complete police census possible, and we think this so vital and urgent a necessity that we venture to ask for the earliest possible action by the City Council with reference thereto.

Your obedient servants,
L. Z. MORRIS, President.
J. A. DUNLOP, Secretary.

J. A. McLaughlin, superintendent of the census just completed, insists that the

work of his enumerators was thoroughly done. Says he:

"I would like to offer to furnish the maps and necessary information for a thorough test of the census that was taken. My plan is to select ten of the districts by putting slips of paper representing all of the fifty-six districts in a hat. Then let ten policemen be detailed to take the enumeration in these ten districts and report to a committee. It will get the reports for those districts from Washington, and a fair comparison can be made between my results and the results of the policemen."

"I think that if this was done ten districts would tell whether my men did their work thoroughly or not."

The census taken by the police in 1893, which was the last one taken here, gave the population of the city over 3,000 in addition of that turned in by the regular census reports. The figures at that time were:

First District—23,167; Second District, 20,666; Third District, 27,172; outlying districts in the corporation, 4,683. Total, 53,692.

WAS KILLED IN THE WAR.

Medal of P. A. Williams to be Sent to His Sister in Pennsylvania.

Captain D. M. Burgess, custodian of the State Library, has received a letter from Miss Nellie R. Williams, asking for the medal which was awarded to her brother, P. A. Williams, Company K, Fifty-Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, War 1861. Lattrobe. The medal has a hole in it and is supposed to have been worn around the dead soldier's neck. The letter reads:

"Wilkesburg, Pa., Sept. 4, 1900.
"Dear Sir,—We have learned you have in your possession a medal worn by our brother, P. A. Williams, who was killed in the battle of Fair Oaks, and I am writing to ask you if you will be so kind as to send it to his sister, Mrs. P. Duran, No. 23 Franklin Avenue, Wilkesburg, Pa. She is the oldest member of the family now living and remembers our brother well. If you will take the trouble to send the medal to her you will greatly oblige.
"Yours very sincerely,
"NELLIE R. WILLIAMS."
Captain Burgess will send the medal.

Democratic Speakers.

Headquarters State Democratic Committee, Richmond, Va., August 31, 1900.

Speakers and places of speaking are announced as follows:

JOHN W. DANIEL, Amherst Court, September 17th.

Nelson Court, September 24th.

Middlesex Court, September 26th.

THOMAS S. MARTIN, Petersburg Court, September 15th (night).

Mecklenburg Court, September 17th.

WM. HODGE MANN, Matthews Court, September 10th.

Lancaster Court, September 11th.

Fluvanna Court, September 24th.

JOHN L. JEFFRIES, Botetourt Court, September 10th.

Prince George Court, September 13th.

Richmond Court, September 17th.

Washington Court, September 24th.

Montgomery Court, September 25th.

Roanoke Court, September 26th (night).

JOHN LAMB, Chesterfield Court, September 10th.

New Kent Court, September 13th.

Goochland Court, September 17th.

Hanover Court, September 19th.

King William Court, September 25th.

West Point (night), September 25th.

FRANCIS LASSITER, Lunenburg Court, September 10th.

Prince George Court, September 13th.

Mecklenburg Court, September 17th.

Richmond Court, September 24th.

Amelia Court, September 27th.

JAMES HAY, Rappahannock Court, September 10th.

Rockingham Court, September 11th.

Northampton Court, September 10th.

Essex Court, September 17th.

ROBERT TURNBULL, Lunenburg Court, September 10th.

Prince George Court, September 13th.

Davidville Court, September 17th.

Amelia Court, September 27th.

Campbell Court, September 10th.

Roanoke Court, September 17th.

Montgomery Court, September 25th.

Blacksburg, Sept. 25th (night).

Roanoke City, Sept. 26th (night).

LEWIS H. MACHEN, Loudoun Court, September 10th.

Fairfax Court, September 17th.

Culpeper, September 24th.

EDWARD ECHOLS, Bath Court, September 11th.

Rockingham Court, September 17th.

GEORGE L. BROWNING, Rappahannock Court, September 10th.

Rockingham Court, September 17th.

T. D. TIMBERLAKE, Bath Court, September 11th.

WM. F. BARKSDALE, Fauquier Court, September 24th.

R. C. MARSHALL, Fauquier Court, September 24th.

GEO. WAYNE ANDERSON, Caroline Court, September 10th.

MARSHALL MCCORMICK, Washington Court, September 24th.

WM. F. RICE, Wythe Court, September 10th.

Giles Court, September 11th.

BUGENE WITHERS, Louisa Court, September 10th.

Stafford Court, September 17th.

Orange Court, September 24th.

T. J. DOWNING, Caroline Court, September 10th.

PETER J. OTLEY, Campbell Court, September 10th.

Pending some changes in the appointments of Hons. E. W. Saunders and H. D. Flood, now being made, their names are omitted from to-day's list.

J. TAYLOR ELLISON, Chairman.

JOSEPH BUTTON Secretary.

An Interesting Service.

The Young Men's Meetings, at the Association Building, have been growing in power during the summer. "The Young Man and His Pears" was thoroughly discussed last Sunday. To-morrow afternoon the subject will be "The Young Man and His Heroes." It is believed this will be the best meeting of the summer. Young men are most cordially invited.

The Workers' Training Class will meet in the parlor, at 5:15, as usual, theme "In His Name." A cordial invitation is extended to young men to be present.

The preliminary announcement for the Educational Classes is now ready. Young men can secure full information by calling at the building. Enrollment books are open, and each class will be limited to an attendance, where satisfaction can be guaranteed. The School opens Monday, October 1st.

In the County.

The public schools of Brookland District, Henrico county, will reopen next Monday. The teachers will meet this morning at the court-house to sign contracts.

Jim Larlow, charged with selling liquor without license and to minors was tried yesterday morning before Squire Lewis, and was dismissed.

The Commissioners appointed by Judge Wickham to inspect Osborne Turnpike, will meet this morning at 11 o'clock at the court-house.

The remains of the little child of Mr. Mack and Mrs. Alice Lane, of Henrico, who died Wednesday, was buried yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has proved a great blessing to me," writes Mrs. Ellen E. Bacon, of Shutesbury, Franklin Co., Mass. "Prior to September 1st, I had suffered for many months for several years, going through a course of treatment without any real benefit. In September, 1897, I had very severe spells and grew worse. I could eat but little. I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's medicine and in a short time I could eat and sleep. I have gained twenty pounds in two months."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for paper-bound volume, or 31 cents for cloth binding, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. W. B. Kibbourn, a prominent Democrat and traveling salesman of Big Stone Gap, was a caller on Colonel John W. Richardson at the Capitol yesterday.

Mr. Kibbourn says the Ninth District will re-elect Judge Rhea to Congress this fall by a vote of not less than 2,500 majority. He thinks the Democrats were never in better shape, and says they are working hard for the success of the whole ticket all over the Southwest.

Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty is working hard on his annual report, which he hopes to have in print very soon. Mr. Doherty is devoting his time at present to

compiling statistics regarding the coal industry of the State.

Mr. P. P. Owen, who spent Thursday at the State Farm, says that while there are three hundred convicts up there, the health of all at the farm has been remarkably good this year and that there has not been a single case of fever among them.

A very large watermelon was sent to the Department of Agriculture yesterday by some one friendly to the Commissioner, and his corps of assistants enjoyed quite a feast.

Captain T. J. Stratton, chief of the Fertilizer Inspectors, is still detained at his home in Appomattox by the extreme illness of his daughter.

The amount of fertilizers which is being moved in the State, is surprisingly large, considering the long-continued drought and the inability of the farmers in many sections to follow for wheat.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is keeping a sharp lookout for violations of the new tonnage-tax law, but only a few cases have been reported thus far. He desires the co-operation of the farmers throughout the State in this matter and would be obliged if they would report him any fertilizer which is being sent out of the State without having been taxed.

Mr. D. L. Pulliam, of Manchester, was a caller at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction yesterday.

MANY GEORGIANS COMING.

Judge Daniel Says the Atlanta Canton Will Certainly Be Here.

Judge Raleigh T. Daniel, of Griffin, Ga., passed through Richmond yesterday, en route to Atlanta, where he is to address the National Council of the Independent Order of Red Men, being the chief officer of that order. Judge Daniel will return to Richmond the latter part of next week in order to attend the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows, to which he is sent as one of the representatives from Georgia. Judge Daniel said yesterday that a large crowd was coming from Atlanta and the other Georgia cities to the Odd-Fellows meeting here, and after next. The Atlanta Canton, he added, would certainly be here and participate in the competitive drills.

FAVOR "JIM CROW" CAR LAW.

Number of Councilmen Express Their Views on This Matter.

Sentiment in favor of Councilman Peters' "Jim Crow" car ordinance is growing, and it is believed the Council will adopt the measure when it comes before two bodies in consideration.

The question of separate cars for white and colored people has been agitated in a number of Southern cities, some of which have required their street railways to provide separate accommodations for the races.

Some of the Richmond Councilmen doubt that the scheme to separate the whites and the blacks in the street-cars is practical, but most of them heartily endorse Mr. Peters' measure. The general desire on the part of the city fathers is to have the railway companies run small trailers for colored folks attached to the regular cars, which should be occupied by white people only.

The views of several members of the Council on the "Jim Crow" car ordinance were obtained to-day, and are given below: President Ferdinand C. Ebel, of the Common Council: I favor the ordinance, and believe it is practical and easy to carry out. The companies should be required to put on trailers for the colored passengers.

Councilman Joseph Wallerstein: There is no need of such a law in this city at this time. Our colored citizens are well-behaved and seldom cause any annoyance on the street cars. I have dozens of times seen negroes get up to give white ladies seats in the cars. I believe in letting well enough alone. We don't need any "Jim Crow" car law now.

Councilman M. G. Gurnett: I am in favor of the separate car ordinance, but doubt if it is practicable.

Councilman Morgan R. Mills: We ought to have the separate car law. It would be a great relief to our ladies and children, who are subjected to annoyance.

Councilman Harry Glenn: I am opposed to the Peters' ordinance if it is simply to require the street-car companies to partition off space in the cars for the colored passengers. If the companies will provide a trailer for the negroes, I am in favor of it, but doubt if the traffic would warrant this.

Man Charged with Felonious Assault is Granted Bail.

Bail proceedings were held yesterday before Judge Witt of the Hustings Court. In the case of D. W. Hook, charged with feloniously shooting and wounding Patrick Shelley. Hook was released on bond in the

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TO BUILD A BIG STRUCTURE.

New Home for the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia.

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RESEVOIR PARK.

The Appropriation for Improvements Has Been Exhausted.

The appropriation for the improvements on the Reservoir Park, which was made for the year 1900, has again been exhausted and the work stopped. This is the second appropriation that has been made for this special improvement in the last two years. Nothing further can be done until the new budget is adopted, and then it will be some time about the first of the year.

The work is beginning to get in shape, the grading of the roads and the work on the dam is nearing completion. There is still a lot of work to be done.

More Examinations.

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For further information, apply to Secretary Archer, at Postoffice, or see notice posted in Federal Building.

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President Habbington, of the National Bank, stated yesterday that the remodeling of their building was progressing nicely, and when completed could not be surpassed by any in the city. It is expected that they will be in their new quarters by Saturday, September 15th.

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